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for performance by eligible 8(a) firms on either a sole source or competitive basis. (See Subpart 19.8.)

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### **18.115 HUBZone sole source awards.**

Contracts may be awarded to Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) small business concerns on a sole source basis. (See 19.1306.)

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### **18.116 Service-disabled Veteran-owned Small Business (SDVOSB) sole source awards.**

Contracts may be awarded to Service-disabled Veteran-owned Small Business (SDVOSB) concerns on a sole source basis. (See 19.1406.)

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### **18.117 Awards to economically disadvantaged women-owned small business (EDWOSB) concerns and women-owned small business (WOSB) concerns eligible under the WOSB Program.**

Contracts may be awarded to EDWOSB concerns and WOSB concerns eligible under the WOSB Program on a competitive basis. (See subpart 19.15.)

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### **18.118 Overtime approvals.**

Overtime approvals may be retroactive if justified by emergency circumstances. (See 22.103-4(i).)

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### **18.119 Trade agreements.**

The policies and procedures of FAR 25.4 may not apply to acquisitions not awarded under full and open competition (see 25.401(a)(5)).

[72 FR 46344, Aug. 17, 2007. Redesignated at 76 FR 18309, Apr. 1, 2011]

### **18.120 Use of patented technology under the North American Free Trade Agreement.**

Requirement to obtain authorization prior to use of patented technology

may be waived in circumstances of extreme urgency or national emergency. (See 27.204-1.)

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### **18.121 Bid guarantees.**

The chief of the contracting office may waive the requirement to obtain a bid guarantee for emergency acquisitions when a performance bond or a performance bond and payment bond is required. (See 28.101-1(c).)

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### **18.122 Advance payments.**

Agencies may authorize advance payments to facilitate the national defense for actions taken under Public Law 85-804 (see Subpart 50.1, Extraordinary Contractual Actions). These advance payments may be made at or after award of sealed bid contracts, as well as negotiated contracts. (See 32.405.)

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### **18.123 Assignment of claims.**

The use of the no-setoff provision may be appropriate to facilitate the national defense in the event of a national emergency or natural disaster. (See 32.803(d).)

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### **18.124 Electronic funds transfer.**

Electronic funds transfer payments may be waived for acquisitions to support unusual and compelling needs or emergency acquisitions. (See 32.1103(e).)

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### **18.125 Protest to GAO.**

When urgent and compelling circumstances exist, agency protest override procedures allow the head of the

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contracting activity to determine that the contracting process may continue after GAO has received a protest. (See 33.104(b) and (c).)

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### 18.126 Contractor rent-free use of Government property.

Rental requirements do not apply to items of Government production and research property that are part of a general program approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and meet certain criteria. (See 45.301.)

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### 18.127 Extraordinary contractual actions.

Subpart 50.1 prescribes policies and procedures for entering into, amending, or modifying contracts in order to facilitate the national defense under the extraordinary emergency authority granted by Public Law 85-804 (50 U.S.C. 1431-1434). This includes—

- (a) Amending contracts without consideration (see 50.103-2(a));
- (b) Correcting or mitigating mistakes in a contract (see 50.103-2(b)); and
- (c) Formalizing informal commitments (See 50.103-2(c)).

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## Subpart 18.2—Emergency Acquisition Flexibilities

### 18.201 Contingency operation.

(a) *Contingency operation* is defined in 2.101.

(b) *Micro-purchase threshold*. The threshold increases when the head of the agency determines the supplies or services are to be used to support a contingency operation. (See 2.101 and 13.201(g).)

(c) *Simplified acquisition threshold*. The threshold increases when the head of the agency determines the supplies or services are to be used to support a contingency operation. (See 2.101.)

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(d) *SF 44, Purchase Order-Invoice-Voucher*. The normal threshold for the use of the SF 44 is at or below the micro-purchase threshold. Agencies may, however, establish higher dollar limitations for purchases made to support a contingency operation. (See 13.306.)

(e) *Test program for certain commercial items*. The threshold limits authorized for use of the test program may be increased for acquisitions to support a contingency operation. (See 13.500(e).)

### 18.202 Defense or recovery from certain attacks.

(a) *Micro-purchase threshold*. The threshold increases when the head of the agency determines the supplies or services are to be used to facilitate defense against or recovery from nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack. (See 2.101.)

(b) *Simplified acquisition threshold*. The threshold increases when the head of the agency determines the supplies or services are to be used to facilitate defense against or recovery from nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack. (See 2.101.)

(c) *Commercial items to facilitate defense and recovery*. Contracting officers may treat any acquisition of supplies or services as an acquisition of commercial items if the head of the agency determines the acquisition is to be used to facilitate the defense against or recovery from nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack. (See 12.102(f)(1) and 13.500(e).)

(d) *Test program for certain commercial items*. The threshold limits authorized for use of the test program may be increased when it is determined the acquisition is to facilitate defense against or recovery from nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack. (See 13.500(e).)

### 18.203 Emergency declaration or major disaster declaration.

(a) *Disaster or emergency assistance activities*. Preference will be given to local organizations, firms, and individuals when contracting for major disaster or emergency assistance activities when the President has made a